

# **BIOGRAPHY**

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

910<sup>TH</sup> Airlift Wing (AFRC)

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#### BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL F. GJEDE

Brigadier General Michael F. Gjede is commander of the Air Force Reserve's 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. General Gjede earned his commission through the Air Force Officer Training School program in 1968. He served two tours in Vietnam flying B-52s. He has held a number of command positions in the Air Force Reserve in operations and is currently in command of his second flying wing, the 910<sup>th</sup>. He is a master navigator, having flown more than 10,000 hours, in T-29, B-52D, B-52G, C-141A, C-141B, C-130E and C-130H aircraft. He is an Air Reserve Technician and assumed command of the 910th Airlift Wing on March 7, 1998.



#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1968 Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
- 1982 Air Command and Staff College
- 1990 National Security Management Course

# **ASSIGNMENTS**:

- 1. November 1968-February 1969, student, Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
- 2. July 1969-March 1970, student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
- 3. March 1970-October 1970, student, Navigator/Bombardier School, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
- 4. March 1971-March 1974, B-52 navigator, 42nd Bomb Wing, Loring Air Force Base, Maine; served two ARC-Light tours in the B-52 logging over 140 combat missions, including numerous missions over North Vietnam.
- 5. July 1974-October 1989, C-141 navigator, instructor navigator and flight examiner; director of current operations, aircraft operations officer, and assistant director of

operations; 514th Military Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. 6. October 1989-November 1992, director of current operations, deputy chief of staff, operations, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, Air Force Reserve, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

- 7. November 1992-March 1998, Commander, 934th Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minneapolis, Minn
- 8. March 1998-Present, Commander, 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport Air Reserve Station, Youngstown, Ohio.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 device, Air Medal with 6 devices, AF Commendation Medal, AF Achievement Medal, Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with 3 devices, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with 6 devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 device, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with 1 device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1995-1997 AF Outstanding Unit Award (910 AW) 1994-1996 AF Outstanding Unit Award (934 AW)

1994 Best C-130 Airdrop

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant February 7, 1969
First Lieutenant August 7, 1970
Captain February 7, 1972
Major May 31, 1978
Lieutenant Colonel October 16, 1985
Colonel August 1, 1989
Brigadier General June 30, 1999

### **CIVIC AFFILIATIONS:**

Brigadier General Gjede is a Life Member of the Reserve Officer Association, Air Force Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and AMVETS.

(Current as of February 2002)